

## CLAIMS

1. (previously amended) A saber comprising:

a blade of generally triangular cross section and at least 20 inches in length having first and second concave sides converging from respective first edges to a common sharp edge and a third side joining the first edges of the first and second sides and providing a heel for the blade, the first and second concave sides having deep concavities ~~to prevent the common sharp edge from cutting deeply into human flesh~~; and a hilt including a handle and a guard fixed to a first end of the blade.

2. (original) The saber of claim 1, wherein a second free end of the blade is pointed.

3. (original) The saber of claim 1, wherein the blade is tapered along the length thereof to an acute second end.

4. (original) The saber of claim 1, wherein the blade is tapered along its length to a blunted second end.

5. (original) The saber of claim 1, wherein the blade is tapered along its length to a knife edge configuration.

6. (original) The saber of claim 1, wherein the third side of the blade is convex.

7. (original) The saber of claim 1, wherein the handle has an oval-shaped cross section with a long diameter bisecting an angle defined by the respective first edges of the first and second sides and the common sharp edge.

8. (canceled)

9. (canceled)

10. (original) The saber of claim 1, wherein, adjacent the hilt, a distance between the first edges of the first and second sides of the blade is on the order of 1.5 inches.

11. (currently amended) The saber defined in claim 9 10, wherein, adjacent the hilt, a distance between the common sharp edge and a midpoint of the third side of the blade is on the order of 1.5 inches.

12. (previously amended) A saber comprising:

and elongated blade of generally triangular cross section having first and second concave sides converging from respective first edges to a common sharp edge and a third convex side joining the first edges of the first and second sides, the first, second, and third sides being tapered along their lengths to a pointed first end of the blade, ~~the first and second concave sides having short radii of curvatures to prevent the common sharp edge from cutting deeply into human flesh; and~~

a hilt fixed to a second end of the blade and including a handle and a guard wherein, adjacent the hilt, a distance between the first edges of the first and second sides of the blade is on the order of 1.5 inches.

13. (original) The saber of claim 12, wherein the handle has an oval-shaped cross section with a long diameter bisecting an angle defined by the respective first edges of the first and second sides and the common sharp edge.

14. (original) The saber of claim 13, wherein the blade length ranges from 24 to 48 inches.

15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended) The saber of claim ~~15~~ 1, wherein, adjacent the hilt, a distance between the common sharp edge and a midpoint of the third side of the blade is on the order of 1.5 inches.